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July 23, 2001

Honorable Philip N. Asprodites
Commissioner of Conservation
State of Louisiana
Post Office Box 44275
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4275

Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Hosston Formation, Reservoir A, CASPIANA FIELD,
DeSoto Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

J-W OPERATING COMPANY ("Applicant") hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an Order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Hosston Formation, Reservoir A, in the Caspiana Field, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana:

1. To permit Applicant to drill, designate and utilize its Frierson et al. 13 No. 1 Well as an additional alternate unit well for HOSS RA SUM at the location shown on the attached plat, in exception to the well location provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 191-B, effective April 15, 1975.
2. To find that the proposed additional alternate unit well is necessary to efficiently and economically drain a portion of the Hosston Formation, Reservoir A, underlying HOSS RA SUM which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any existing well within such unit.
3. To discuss such other matters as may be pertinent to this application.

The Hosston Formation, Reservoir A, in the Caspiana Field, Caddo and DeSoto Parishes, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 191-B, effective April 15, 1975.

As provided by the Revised Rules of Procedure, the subject matter of this application does not require the issuance of a pre-application notice; therefore, no such notice has been issued.

Pursuant to the aforesaid Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom notice of this application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names

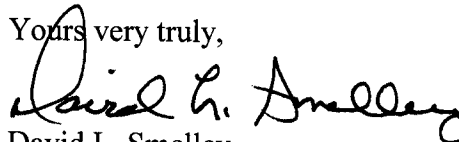
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and addresses of such parties. A copy of this letter, and of the attached plat, is being sent to the District Manager of Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation and to each of the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties, as shown on the attached list.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing and the attached plat at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause the Legal Notice to be published in a newspaper published in the general area of Caspiana Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, Applicant will mail a copy of the Legal Notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties, promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice.

Our check payable to the Office of Conservation and covering the application fee is enclosed.

Yours very truly,



David L. Smelley

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Attorney for J-W Operating Company

DLS:dp
Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jim Broussard (w/encls.)
Mr. Dave Williams (w/encls.)
Mr. Joe B. Adams (w/encls.)
Interested Owners, Represented Parties and
Interested Parties (w/plat only)

